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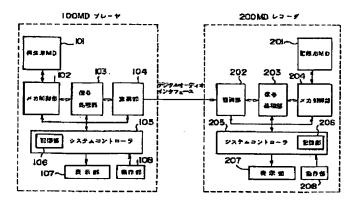
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ABSTRACT :

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide the judgment of whether a recording from a CD to an MD is possible or not to a user by judging whether the recording from the CD to the MD is possible or not while using a digital audio interface between a reproducer and a storage device.

SOLUTION: The system controller 105 of an MD player 100 controls an operation transmitting the reproducing time information of the track read out from the UTOC of a CD for reproduction on a digital audio interface as a subcode Q. The system controller 205 of an MD recorder 200 restores the reproducing time information from the subcode on the interface by a demodulation part 202 to compare it with the remaining storable time of an MD for recording 201 and when it decided that a recording from the CD to the MD can not be performed, the controller displays the judgment on a display part 207.

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